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Sir:

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Romeo for the telephone conference with Applicant's representative of December 18, 2006 regarding the following. In the Notice of Allowance issued October 3, 2006 (copy attached), the Examiner attached a Form PTO-1449, originally filed with an Information Disclosure Statement in the present application on August 2, 2004. The Examiner indicated that certain references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement failed to fully comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(s), which requires a legible copy of each cited foreign patent document and each non-patent literature publication.

Applicants assert that the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on August 2, 2004 in the present application fully comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(s), as they were cited and placed in the record in parent application Serial No. 09/125,963 on September 26, 2003. A full, complete copy of the

Information Disclosure Statement filed in the parent application on September 26, 2003 is attached, along with a copy of the stamped postcard showing receipt by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Applicants also submit herewith copies of the cited references for the Examiner's convenience as he requested.

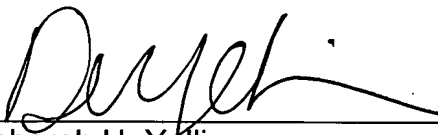
Per the telephone call with the Examiner of December 18, 2006, Applicant request that the Examiner acknowledge he has considered the attached references on behalf of the present application.

Applicants believe that a fee is not required for this submission, however, in the event a fee is necessary the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 02-4800, such fee.

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, LINDHOLM *et al.* hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

The documents are being submitted within three (3) months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later. Since documents are being filed within the time period set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) no fee or statement is required.

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner-initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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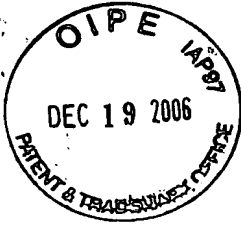
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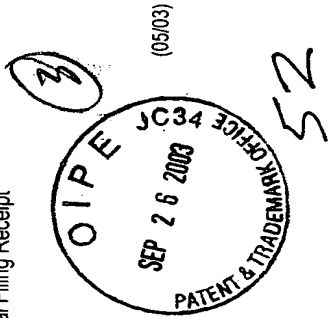
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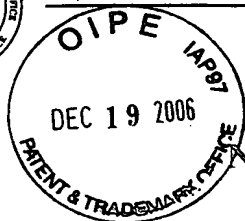
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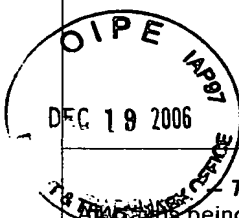
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